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Timely Tidbits ...

Board Adopts Public Participation Policy

During its meeting of February 10, 2003, the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education approved recommendations presented by the district's Policy Committee to govern audience participation at future Board meetings. Residents who wish to address the Board at a particular meeting will be asked to fill out a request card with their name, address, and phone number, along with the subject they wish to discuss, and submit it *before* the start of the meeting.

The Board's regular meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For information regarding specific meeting dates/times/locations, please call the district's administrative office at 734-532-1600.

For more information about the Board's audience-participation policy, see the public notice on page 8.

2003 Nursing Home Guide Now Available

Senator Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor) has announced the availability of the 2003 Consumer Guide to Michigan Nursing Homes – an excellent resource for people who may need nursing home care now or in the future.

The Guide contains valuable information about all 440 of Michigan's licensed nursing homes, including each home's most recent state survey report, services offered, and accepted payment options. In addition, a "Family Satisfaction Score" is listed for 315 homes.

The Guide was designed with the input of approximately 13,500 people who have loved ones in nursing homes across the state.

To obtain a free copy of the 2003 Consumer Guide to Michigan Nursing Homes, call Basham at 517-373-7800. The Guide can also be accessed via the Internet at www.mahsahome.org. □

Hazen Retires After 33 Years as Head Librarian



Head librarian Diane Hazen shows off the snake plant that has thrived along with her at the Romulus Public Library ever since the building's dedication on June 28, 1971.

By Kristi Stephens

If you've lived in Romulus for any length of time, you've almost certainly met her.

To some, her face is more familiar than any elected official's.

If books are your friends, she probably is, as well.

So when she retires on February 28, after 33 years as the Romulus Public Library's head librarian, Diane Hazen will be sorely missed.

"I've really enjoyed it; it's been a lot of fun," said Hazen, who has never wavered in her belief that being a librarian – and thereby surrounding herself with good books and good people – was the ideal career choice for her.

Given the fact that her mother was an assistant to the first Wayne County

librarian, it's perhaps no surprise that Hazen was drawn to her chosen field from the very beginning. As a girl, she often went to work with her mom and enjoyed "helping out" with various tasks.

After earning a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Michigan, Hazen spent five years as a children's librarian, first in Farmington and later in Trenton. She was appointed to her current position in 1970.

"Romulus became a city in May, and I assumed my duties in June," Hazen recalled. "Everyone was excited about the city's new library [then under construction] and its future in general. It was a heady time."

Hazen, who had grown up in Detroit, moved to Romulus soon after receiving her new appointment because

she felt it was important to be an integral part of the community she served. She has remained here – very happily – to this day.

Hazen's impact on the people of Romulus has been truly tremendous. During her tenure, the library's collection has grown from 13,000 to over 60,000 books. Over the years, she implemented numerous programs, such as book discussion groups, for the city's adults, but her main focus has always been the children of the community.

"Perhaps because I began my career as a children's librarian, I have devoted a big portion of my time to services for young people," said Hazen. "Helping children acquire a love of books and reading can have an enormous impact on their lives."

Besides organizing summer reading clubs, story-time sessions, craft classes, and other library-based programs for kids, Hazen also worked closely with the Romulus Community Schools.

"I've always had a wonderful relationship with the district," she said. "During the late '70s and early '80s, when the schools were forced to cut programs because of financial difficulties, my staff and I were able to help them maintain some library services by training volunteer workers in everything from children's literature to bookbinding. We also have a long history of sharing books with the schools, as well as working with teachers to acquaint them with the library's resources and ways to take advantage of them. Still another of our successful library-school collaborations has been our yearly exhibition of student art."

Hazen said she reached out to the schools because she realized that, for many children, school libraries offered their only chance to enjoy reading.

"The City of Romulus is spread out over a big area, and most of our children live too far away to walk to the library," she explained. "There's no public transportation, and kids from one-car, working households often have a hard time catching a ride from Mom or Dad. The library in their neighborhood school provides these youngsters with their only opportunity to borrow books."

Hazen's involvement with the schools has been so extensive and influential that the district recently recognized her with a special resolution of commendation.

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Letter to the Editor

Resident Speaks Out Against Proposed Racetrack

To the Editor:

Here we go again! Promoters of a horse racetrack for Romulus have presented their plans to the Romulus City Council and it appears that the Council is supportive of this proposal. And here comes another "quick-fix" idea almost ready to be birthed by a simple lack of wisdom on the City Council's part.

Some years ago, Romulus was being considered a potential hub for gambling casinos. This proposal was turned down by Romulus. Excuse me, but may I say: Gambling by any other name is still gambling, and will offer nothing positive for the City of Romulus. And gambling brings with it a number of unseemly ramifications, namely greed, theft, family ruination, suicide, irresponsibility, prostitution, violence, and corruption, to name a few.

Why is the City Council even considering such a proposal? Over and over, get-rich-quick schemers come waltzing into our council chambers with nothing but money-making schemes on their mind. Do not think for one moment that this proposal for a racetrack in Romulus will benefit or enhance the status of the City of Romulus. It will not. Gambling on horses is "a highly intelligent activity"? Oh, please! Next!

How ironic this entire proposal is, and Canada must surely be laughing at the gullibility and vulnerability of Romulus. Over ten years ago, a hazardous-waste well was proposed for this city, and for years we fought this well. That hazardous-well proposal should have been nipped in the bud, just as this proposal should be. Canada wants to use Romulus as a toilet in which to flush its hazardous waste. And now we have Magna Entertainment Corp. of Aurora, Ontario (that's in Canada, folks), wanting to provide our fair city with yet another type of hazardous waste – waste in the form of gambling.

Enough of gambling with the lives of the citizens of Romulus. Enough of endangering the welfare of the people in this community. Enough of trying to implement quick-fix economic schemes that would cost more in the long run than people would be willing to pay "if" they realized the true consequences of hosting a gambling facility here. Gambling is just as hazardous to one's health as a toxic-waste well.

Now, it is high time for the City Council to awaken to doing what is honestly beneficial for the community of

Romulus. It is high time for those in authority to get a true vision of what is necessary to make this a thriving, prosperous community, and it is not gambling. It is high time for the City Council to start exercising sound wisdom regarding what is and is not acceptable for the overall welfare of Romulus citizens.

We have Detroit Metropolitan Airport based here. We need to utilize this airport, and realize that people from all over this country and the world come through this airport. This city could be providing all sorts of things for these people as well as for residents. Romulus is "prime" territory for shopping malls, exquisite restaurants offering numerous ethnic menus, beautiful botanical gardens, a worldwide conference center, a science center, etc. Surely there are philanthropists, foundations, and other investors other than those involved in the gambling industry who are willing to invest in worthwhile projects for this city. The city must start considering the needs of our young people here. They could use a youth center. Others need a recreational center. All Romulus residents have needs. Why isn't some of the land in Romulus utilized as a community project for young and old alike to raise a community garden in the summer, selling the produce for profit?

The City of Romulus has such potential for growth. One does not need gambling to build up Romulus. Gambling would merely tear the city down and bring about decadence. Romulus needs this racetrack like it needs another hole in the ground – i.e., hazardous waste well. Mayor Alan Lambert, and Romulus City Council persons, please exercise sound wisdom and nip

this offer of a racetrack for Romulus in the bud. Might I suggest that your focus is off? Get a vision for enhancing and advancing this city. Look and see what other cities have done and learn thereby. Take heed. Look this "gift horse" in the mouth. There's more at stake here than meets the eye. Take some advice and don't solicit this vice in Romulus.

Romulus residents most definitely do not need to leave their lives open to chance or gambling; they need a "sure" thing. Mayor Lambert, and Romulus City Council, I implore you to please say "NO!" to this racetrack proposal.

It is written:

(Proverbs 8:1) Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

(8:2) She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

(8:3) She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

Is anyone listening to the voice of

sound wisdom? You need to. She hasn't been wrong yet. Keep the gates and doors in Romulus closed to gambling.

Sonda Stepchuk
Romulus

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The Crime Blotter

Officer Damian Hull of the Romulus Police Department issued the following "Crime Blotter" report on February 17.

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• **Recovered Stolen Vehicle**
intersection of Cogswell/Walnut
A vehicle stolen in Inkster was recovered by RPD patrol.

• **Violation of Public Health Code/ Weapons**

8325 Merriman (Airlines Parking)
Employees found a vehicle with the window broken out. Upon searching the vehicle, police found a marijuana pipe, unidentified pills, and a loaded handgun.

• **Larceny**

15700 block of Orchard
Ten watches and a gold ring were stolen from a lock-box in the victim's basement.

• **Carrying a Concealed Weapon**

intersection of Inkster/Cleveland
During a traffic stop, RPD patrol officers found a handgun in the glove box and a .30-caliber rifle in the trunk. The driver was arrested for CCW.

• **Felonious Assault**

12800 block of Hannan
The suspect pointed a rifle at the victim during a disagreement. The suspect then pulled the trigger, but the gun did not fire. The suspect was arrested by RPD.

• **Breaking & Entering**

38700 block of Barth
The west door of a garage was pried open. A Toro snowblower was stolen.

• **Larceny**

28701 Hildebrandt (Insurance Auto Auction)
Engine parts were stolen from a 2000 Jeep Cherokee.

• **Embezzlement**

27900 block of Northline
An employee embezzled as much as \$30,000.

• **Attempted Breaking & Entering**
38800 Barth

Pry marks were found on the east door of the location's pole barn.

• **Resisting Arrest**

14600 block of New York
Officers responded to a disturbance at a residence. Family members reported that a relative was highly intoxicated and was armed with a rifle. Officers attempted to arrest the suspect for an outstanding felony warrant, but the suspect began to fight. Officers were able to take the man into custody after a brief struggle. Officers received minor injuries from the altercation.

• **Malicious Destruction of Property**

9400 block of Washington
Three windows were broken out of a 1981 Ford van.

• **Embezzlement**

8300 block of Merriman
The suspect embezzled \$2,283 from her place of employment.

• **Stolen Vehicle**

6000 block of West Maple
A 1986 Chevy pickup was stolen from the location.

• **Felonious Assault**

7000 block of Merriman
The suspect stabbed her ex-boyfriend in the chest with a butcher knife. The suspect was arrested at the scene by RPD patrol. The victim was listed in stable condition at Annapolis Hospital.

• **Stolen Vehicle**

28700 block of North Maple
A 1998 Cadillac two-door was stolen from the location. □

New Health Center in Romulus Puts Focus on Female Fitness



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (center) joined Helen and Aubrey McNally – owners of the new Curves for Women center in Romulus – for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their grand opening last month.

Aubrey and Helen McNally, owners of the Curves for Women fitness center in Belleville, are proud to announce the opening of a second center in Romulus.

"We're excited to become part of this community," said Aubrey, "and we look forward to helping Romulus women reach amazing results, both physical and emotional, through our Curves Workout program. Our supportive environment offers a 30-minute fitness solution with a common-sense weight-loss program that helps break the weight-loss cycle."

"The success of the Curves Workout program has made Curves International, Inc., the world's largest fitness company," he added.

Helen is also enthusiastic about the new center.

"Curves is a comfortable, welcoming place where real women work out," she said. "Our facility is designed so women can encourage and support one another while moving around the circuit."

With the average person gaining three pounds a year, according to Aubrey, a reasonable workout regime that can fit into today's busy lifestyle of work and family is critical to help combat diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension and other health risks that women can face.

"The Curves Workout program, designed by Gary Heavin and his wife and co-founder Diane, is utilized in all Curves locations," he explained. "The system allows women of all ages and fitness levels to perform all five of the components of a complete fitness program, combining strength and cardiovascular training through hydraulic resistance. The experienced instructors at Curves offer one-on-one training, while members talk and inspire one another during the workout. Also, the comfortable, wel-

coming atmosphere has helped women of all fitness levels commit to an ongoing fitness program and achieve results."

Since the first Curves franchise opened in 1995, the organization has seen exponential growth, beginning with 44 locations in 1996 and expanding to more than 1,250 centers in 2000. By 2001, Curves boasted more than 2,221 locations, earning it recognition as the world's largest fitness-center franchise from the 2001 *Guinness Book of World Records*. It also was named number-one in *Entrepreneur Magazine's* 2003 list of the top 500 franchises. Currently, Curves has more than two million members in more than 5,000 locations within the United States, Canada, Spain, Mexico and the U.K. With a center opening every four hours on average, Curves now has one location for every four McDonalds restaurants in America.

"Helping say goodbye to unhealthy lifestyles, unattainable diet resolutions, and unreasonable fitness regimes gives women a new outlook on exercise and feeding their body properly," said Helen. "We look forward to providing women in this community with a complete 30-minute workout that will ensure they can stick to the program and sustain a healthy weight."

Curves for Women is located at 36015 Goddard Road, Suite 200. For more information, call 734-941-0900 or visit the Curves International Website: www.curvesforwomen.com. □

Wrestlers' Parents Show Their Support



Among those attending the Romulus High School wrestling team's Parents Night program were (from left) Philip Roscoe, his mother Celeste (who is also a Board of Education trustee), and his father Robert; James Smith and his mother Gwen; Matt Mortzfield and his mom, Missy Phelps; Chris Anderson and his parents, Shelly and Dennis; Erica Washington and her son, Marquis Smith; and Tim Lewis, Jr., with his father, Tim Sr.

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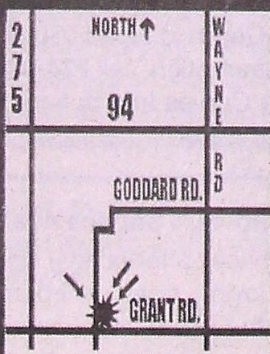
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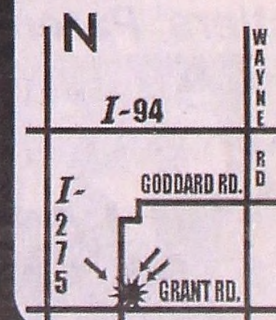
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School Board Member Believes in Community Involvement

Niema White – appointed to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education last month to fill the vacancy created by former Board president Billy McCraight's retirement – has begun her term of service with an active schedule of community involvement.

Recently, for example, trustee White attended a pizza party for parents and children at Wick Elementary School. The event gave her an opportunity to introduce herself to the members of Wick's parents group and discuss their educational concerns.

Another chance to meet with some of the district's parents and their award-winning children came during Romulus

Middle School's "Student of the Month" ceremony, where White praised the students for their "excellent work and dedication to education," and further praised the parents for their "attendance and support of their children."

And at a program celebrating the accomplishments of local Daisy, Brownie, and Girl Scout troops, White and co-leader Rose Williams proudly presented their Brownie Troop #1835 members to the audience, and recognized several of the girls, who had completed various tasks, during a special "moving-up" ceremony in their honor. The program also featured a number of song and dance performances by the girls.

White says she is eagerly looking forward to her continued involvement with the district and the community.

"I'm really impressed with the enthusiasm of both the parents and students

in Romulus," she stated. "It will be exciting to work with families that are so dedicated to the educational achievements and accomplishments of their children." □



New Romulus Board of Education trustee Niema White (front, third from left) was welcomed by Wick Elementary principal Debbie Juriga (back; fourth from right) and the school's parents group: (from left) front – Renee Sandefur, Mae Lytle, Felicia Brantley, Debbie Woolford, Mary Albus, and Sandi Dotson; back – Kelly Sandefur, Yolanda Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Alicia Morgan, Robbie Thomas, Sandy McDonald, Lisa Zeleji, Marge Olson, and Melinda Shellman.

Hazen Retires from Library After 33 Years

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One of Hazen's biggest successes was the bookmobile program that ran for nine years before funding cuts put an end to it.

"Our vehicle, 'The Romulus Read-about' – which was named by a Beverly School student who received a \$25 bond for his winning suggestion in our 'name the bookmobile' contest – became a familiar sight all over the city," said Hazen. "At one point, we were distributing more than 3,000 books a month through the program."

Hazen's fondest memories, though, are of the thousands of people she has had the privilege to meet.

"I especially love visits from people who used to come into the library as children," she noted. "The fact that I'm now helping *their* children develop a similar love of books has been a big thrill for me."

But of all Hazen's friends, there's one in particular who has been there for her, literally day-in and day-out, for more than 30 years. So who is this faithful companion?

"It's my snake plant," laughed Hazen, pointing to a sizeable clump of obviously flourishing greenery. "Some of my librarian friends gave me a gift – a

pot containing several plants – back in 1971, when the library was dedicated. All of the plants died except this one, which remained in its original pot until a month ago, when it got knocked off a cabinet and broke. You should have seen how root-bound it was!"

Although Hazen will leave her old friend at the Library, she is taking a few cuttings to nurture at home. Caring for her plant – and her garden in general – is one of several interests she'll be pursuing in her retirement, along with travel, quilting, and working on her house. She also plans to dedicate more time to local organizations such as the Romulus Historical Society and the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee.

As to the identity of Hazen's replacement, that is not yet known. Applications for the Wayne County-appointed position are currently being accepted.

Friends who would like to wish Hazen well are invited to attend an open house that will be held at the library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) on Friday, March 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 734-942-7589 during the library's normal business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. □



White was also on hand to congratulate Romulus Middle School's recent "Student of the Month" honorees, including: (from left) front – Lindsay Mitchell, Thomas Kuderik, Brittany Dismuke, Kevin Crenshaw, Jr., Felipe Gray, Cory Hensley, and Grant Duprie; back – Maura Harris, Bryan Bostain, Maurice Anderson, Louis Caldwell, and Mario Williams.



As co-leader of Brownie Troop #1835, White (left) proudly presented her girls to the audience during a Girl Scouts celebration held at Romulus Elementary.

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Romulus Elementary Recognizes Honor Roll Students



Romulus Elementary principal Lynne Mossoian (back, left) was pleased to recognize her school's "honor roll" students at a recent assembly.

Honor roll students from Romulus Elementary School's fourth-, fifth-, and sixth grades were recognized during a special awards assembly held earlier this month.

Principal Lynne Mossoian congratulated the students on their achievement, and encouraged them to continue to work hard in school.

The honorees included:

ALL A's

Fourth Grade

Keli Boyd.

Sixth Grade

Gary Nemeth, Sam Wells, Amanda Zavitz, and Mariah Zockheem.

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James Boler, Cali Burks, Brittany Francis, Daijon Frazier, Alexandria Har-

rington, Victoria Johnson, Victoria Taylor, and Adriana Williams.

Fifth Grade

Brittany Blackburn, Ajah Brown, Jonathon Carr, Pamie Fortson, Julie Koppenhafer, Brandon LaPrise, Ashley Linert, Da'Ron Marks-Ford, Cassie Rice, Nathan Rice, Cherra Ross, Geridan St. Peter, Jack Storms, Amanda Tucker, Richard Vaughn, and Amber White.

Sixth Grade

Jasmine Calloway, Markis Darden, Carlie Frye, Christina Gillespie, Christopher Krietner, Juanita Rose, Dominique Ross, Kareem Seifuddin, and Nigerra Simpson.

Mrs. Watkins's Class

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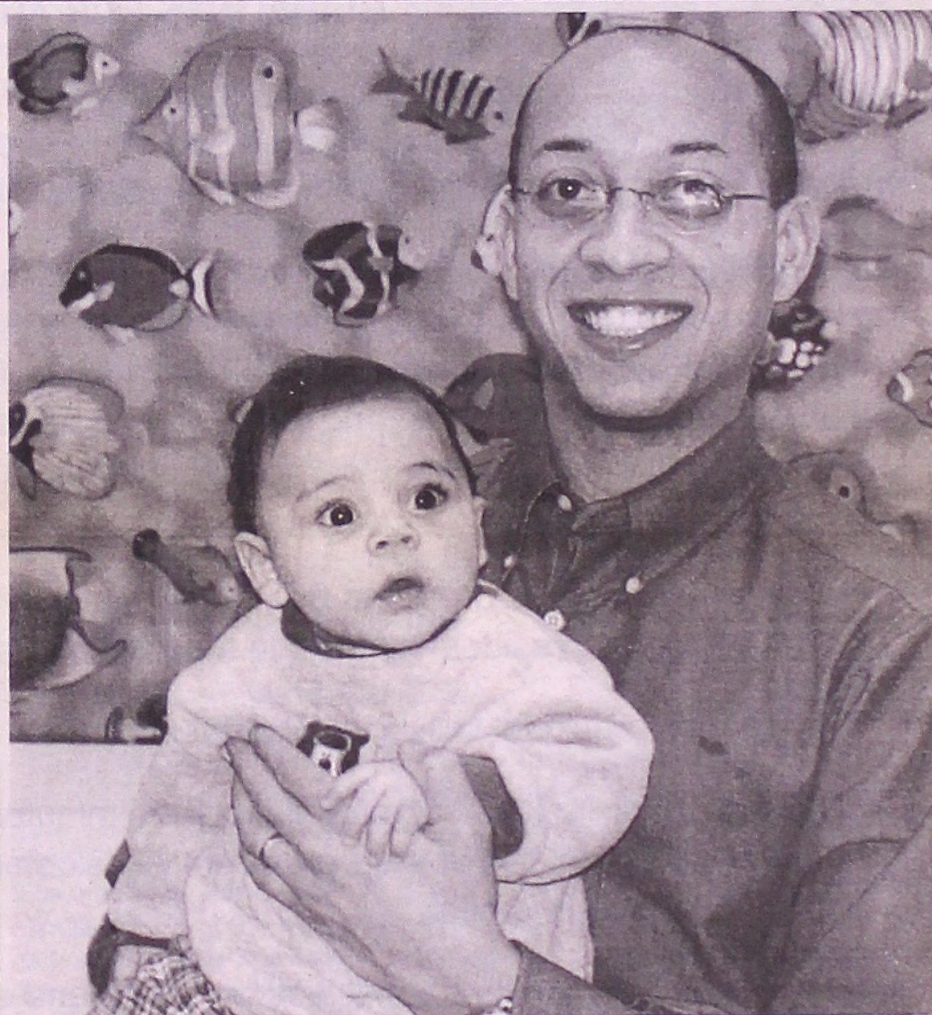
Chris Smith, CSRD (Comprehensive School Reform Development) grant Compass Learning facilitator for the Romulus Community Schools, has been called up for active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. Lance Corporal Smith, whose work-duty description is "combat engineer," will report to a training facility in New River, North Carolina.

Smith indicated that he and his fellow combat engineers will be assigned to find and trip mines around airfields. He also noted that he will receive his orders for the next six months when he arrives in New River, and that other soldiers are predicting a total service period of one year — possibly two.

Waiting at home for Smith's return will be his wife Nicole, who is an attorney, and their 15-week-old baby, Lewis William.

Romulus teachers recently gave a going-away party for Smith at Barth Elementary School. Those who attended said that they will miss the enthusiastic attitude, dedication, and expertise of Smith, a technology specialist who has helped teachers maximize their skills on the Compass Integrated Learning System used in all district elementaries.

Everyone wishes Lance Corporal Smith the best as he meets his new challenges, and hopes that his tour of duty will be safe and successful. □



Romulus Community Schools technology expert Chris Smith — pictured here with his 15-week-old son, Lewis William — has been called to active duty with the U.S. Marines.

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Notice to Romulus Citizens About Audience Participation at Meetings of the Romulus Board of Education

At the February 10 meeting of the Romulus Board of Education, the Board approved the recommendations presented by the Policy Committee to govern audience participation at future Board of Education meetings. Residents will be asked to fill out their name, address, phone number, the date, and the subject they wish to discuss with the Board. Citizens need to know that they will have to hand in their request BEFORE the start of the 6:30 p.m. Board of Education meetings.

The next Romulus Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, in the district's administrative office, located at 36540 Grant Road.

GUIDELINES FOR AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Romulus Board of Education welcomes audience participation at its meetings. These guidelines, which are based on the Board of Education By-Laws and Policies, are intended to facilitate the orderly conduct of the audience-participation portion of Board of Education meetings.

The district encourages parents, students, and others to resolve issues at the building level whenever possible, with the teacher or building principal or assistant principal. Issues not resolved at the building level may be addressed to the appropriate central office administrator and then, if necessary, to the superintendent. The Board of Education discourages parents, students, and others from addressing the Board of Education on issues that have not been processed in this fashion and will, in such cases, direct the person addressing the Board of Education to the appropriate administrator.

- Persons wishing to address the Board of Education must complete an audience-participation card and submit it to the Board's president before the meeting starts. Cards will not be accepted after the meeting starts.
- The Board's president will recognize speakers.
- Speakers must limit their comments to three minutes or less unless, due to the number of persons desiring to address the Board, the Board's president limits comments to two minutes or less. Speakers may not defer any part of their time to others.
- Speakers must identify themselves by name and address. Speakers representing organizations or groups should indicate whether their comments represent the official position of those organizations or groups.
- Speakers should observe the rules of common courtesy. Personal attacks on Board members and district employees will not be tolerated. Board members and district employees may request the Board to entertain complaints against them in closed session.
- The audience-participation portion of Board of Education meetings does not exceed 30 minutes.
- Board of Education members may question speakers to gain additional information. However, the Board of Education does not debate audience-participation items.
- The Board of Education reserves the right to take any action permitted by law to ensure order at its meetings, including the expulsion of disorderly persons.

Community Calendar

- **Open Swimming** – Open swimming continues to be offered at Romulus High School's new pool complex (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. according to the following schedule: **Adults Only** (Mondays), **Seniors (age 60+) Only** (Tuesdays), **Teens (ages 13-17) Only** (Wednesdays), and **Family Swimming** (Fridays). To participate, all swimmers *must* preregister at the Romulus Adult and Community Education Office, located at 39000 Superior. Cost for residents is \$3 per session (\$2 for senior citizens) or \$60 for an all-year pass (\$40 for senior citizens). Family passes – a real bargain! – are available to Romulus residents for just \$100 per year. For more information, call 734-532-1956.
- **Belleville Chamber's Annual Auction** – The Belleville Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend its annual auction to support the Chamber's building fund. The Mardi Gras-theme event – to be held at the Woodlands of Van Buren on Friday, February 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. – will feature entertainment by the Machine Gun Kelly Band and a dinner buffet with beer, wine, and soft drinks. Cost is \$40 per person. (A cash bar will be available.) Deadline for reservations is Friday, February 21. For more information, call 734-697-7151 or e-mail bellevillech@provide.net.
- **Women's Bible Study** – The New Metro Church Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to attend its upcoming Women's Bible Study, which will meet at the church (located at 20051 Metro Drive, New Boston – exit 13 on the west side of I-275) from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. each Thursday from March 6 through May 15. The topic for the study program will be "Breaking Free" – an in-depth study based on the Book of Isaiah. Teacher Beth Moore says, "A Christian is held captive by anything that hinders the abundant and effective Spirit-filled life God has in store for her." All faiths are welcome. (Note: A \$15 registration fee covers the cost of the Bible Study's workbook.) For more information, or to register, call the church: 734-753-5710.
- **St. Aloysius School's Lenten Fish Fries** – The Parents' Club at St. Aloysius Catholic School will host its sixth annual Lenten Fish Fry series at the school (located at 37200 Neville Road) from 4:30 to 7 p.m. each Friday from March 7 through April 11. For more information, call 734-941-3340.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: March 19) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are always welcome. For more information about the club or its reading list, call the library (734-942-7589) during its regular business hours (Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Historical Society Welcomes New Members** – The Romulus Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on March 19) at the Romulus Historical Museum (located on Hunt Street next to the Post Office). New members are welcome.
- **Healthy Living Committee** – The Romulus Healthy Living Committee will meet at Romulus Adolescent Health Center in Romulus High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. For more information, please call Diane Vidovic, RAHC director, at 734-941-1400.
- **Mother's Morning Out** – Ball Road Tabernacle invites you to drop off your children (ages 2 to 5) for a program of play time, stories, crafts, and lunch, while you enjoy a morning free to run errands. The service is available at the church (located on the corner of Ecorse and Ball roads, west of Merriman) each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 734-722-9638.
- **St. Aloysius School Now Accepting Applications** – St. Aloysius Catholic School – located at 37200 Neville Road in Romulus – is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2003-2004 school year. Among the attractions listed by spokespersons for the school: well-rounded education for grades kindergarten through eight; a solid foundation in Christian values; a secure-structured learning environment; small class sizes for personalized attention; State-certified teachers; a daily hot-lunch program; bus transportation for Romulus residents; affordable tuition; and partial scholarships for qualified students. For more information, call 734-941-3340.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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Tuskegee Airmen Discussed



James Hayes treated Cory Elementary students to a brief talk about the famous Tuskegee Airmen as part of the school's celebration of Black History Month.

The celebration of Black History Month at Cory Elementary School included a very informative lecture about the famous Tuskegee Airmen by James C. Hayes, current president of the Detroit chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Hayes is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Museum and a member of the Black Pilots of America, Inc.

Second Lieutenant Hayes told Cory students stories about the various feats accomplished by the all-Black pilots of the 332nd Fighter Group in their flights over Europe. The group never lost an escorted bomber to enemy fire in over 200 missions; shot down 17 enemy planes over Italy during a three-week period; and sank a German destroyer using only a .50-caliber machine gun.

Hayes also explained that, before President Harry Truman signed Executive Order #9981 in 1948, which inte-

grated the U.S. Armed Forces, military facilities were often segregated, and African-American pilots were given assignments escorting bombers rather than flying fight missions themselves.

He concluded by noting that 66 of the 450 Black combat pilots were killed in action, and another 32 were either shot down and captured or made emergency landings in enemy territory.

Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools, reports that Hayes' educational background includes classes at the Chrysler Institute of Engineering, the University of Detroit, and the University of Michigan. He holds a commercial pilot's license, instrument rating, and flight-instructor rating for single- and multi-engine airplanes. Hayes was also in business as a partner in the Aero Services air freight/charter company and as the owner of Triangle Aviation flight training school. □

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Romulus Elementary School Hosts Girl Scouts Ceremony



The Daisies of Troop #511 (front) and the Juniors of Troop #563 were among those who took part in the Girl Scouts celebration held at Romulus Elementary School.

Over 100 parents and supporters attended a recent Girl Scouts program held in the Romulus Elementary School gymnasium. Thirty-one girls from the school's Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troops – under the direction of troop leaders Terry Kozik, Rhonda Skinner, Melanie Tucker, Niema White, and Rose Williams – participated in the program, which featured songs, dances, and recitals of the Girl Scout Law, as well as investiture and rededication ceremonies.

Daisies who participated in the ceremony included Chelsea Creech, Victoria Fields, Dakota Kozik, Sarah Kuczynski, Laurel Marciniak, Megan Swangim.

Brownies who were involved in the ceremony included Caitlin Becht, Tiffany Brown, Latoya Colvin, Stacy Kuczynski, Jayne McClean, Stephanie McKinney, Symone Martin, Lashauntee Pearson, Averiana Richey, Chelsea Smith, Karyna Smith, Racheal Soard, and Javonna Williams. □



Rhonda Skinner (left), co-leader of Junior Troop #563, and Niema White, co-leader of Brownie Troop #1835 and Romulus Board of Education trustee, looked on as Brownies (from left) Symone Martin, Jayne McClean, Rachel Soard, Caitlin Becht, and Averiana Richey proudly displayed their new achievement badges.

Barth Elementary Makes Kindergarten Teacher Richard "Queen for a Day"

The students, parents, and staff members of Barth Elementary School recently celebrated the birthday of Karen Richard by surprising the enormously popular kindergarten teacher with "Queen for a Day" honors.

"When you go to watch Richard teach her class, you are convinced that she is teaching her first lesson," said Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools. "Her enthusiasm, sincerity, and educational interest in her students is immediately evident, and so is the eager response from her students. Parents are equally impressed, and frequently attend kindergarten functions with large groups of friends and relatives," he added.

Making Richard's energy and enthusiasm especially remarkable is the fact that she is in her thirty-eighth year of teaching, and is currently number one on the district's teacher seniority list.

To make Richard's day, members of the Barth School community led her to a special chair, helped her into a regal, fur-trimmed cloak, and settled a beautiful jeweled crown upon her head. When she was comfortably



"Queen" Karen Richard

seated, the students, parents, and staff in attendance presented Richard with special gifts and commended her on her outstanding career.

The Romulus News joins everyone at Barth in wishing Karen Richard a very happy birthday, and thanking her for her years of service. □

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Band Students Win 13 First-division Ratings at Solo & Ensemble Festival

Both Romulus High School band director Henry James and Middle School director Mark Fernandez were pleased with the efforts of their students at the recent District XII Solo and Ensemble Festival, held at Livonia Franklin High School. Romulus students received a total of 13 first-division ratings and 8 second-division ratings at the competition.

Three groups from the Middle School earned all A's in their final first-division ratings. These groups included: Bonita Campbell-Fultz and Kourtney Hamilton (baritone duet), James Hayes and Cortez Dyess (baritone duet), and Kirk Patterson and Chelsea Earby (snare drum duet).

High School students winning first-division marks were: James Blanton and Jessica Sears (trumpet duet), Jazmine Bennett and Lashonda Windham (flute duet), and Christopher Greene and Miyon Smith (clarinet duet).

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Additional first-division winners from the Middle School were: Joe Kieznowski and Lacey McKinney (alto sax duet), Aurielle McCauley and Teresa Windom (clarinet duet), and Melissa Brewington, Lauren Nierman, and Chiara Snook (clarinet trio), as well as soloists Jessica Mills (flute) and Henry Windham (French horn).

Receiving second-division rankings were High School soloists Christopher Greene (clarinet) and Brittney Lake (baritone sax), as well as Middle School groups composed of: Jessica Dick and Patrice Barden (flute duet), Jennifer Dick and Henry Windham (French horn duet), Stephanie Rutherford and Melissa Peterson (clarinet duet), Gary Wogaman and Charles Webb (trumpet duet), Arkara Stovall and Jasmine Brown (flute duet), and Patrick Sutter, Karen Patterson, and Antoinece Hearst (trombone trio). □



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RHS Students Recognized for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School students, whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on the honor roll for the third marking period of the 2002–2003 school year.

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Students on the Principal's Honor Roll achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Ninth Grade

Carla Anderson, Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Megan Bearman, Lindsay Beresgasy, Bradley Bills, Ayibatari Burutolu, Ronald Carter, Adam Delay, Jessica Fox, Brittney Garrison, Doloris Garry, Dean Gilbert, Amber Gondek, Brittany Hampton, Ashley Horyn, Shannon Kowalski, Jennifer Lammers, Courtney MacDougall, Krystle McKay, Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Tiffany Motsch, Amanda Nowicki, Rhea Partee, Kristine Plank, Whitney Poole, Timothy Reed, Anne Ross, Kayla Schmidt, Patricia Silvey, Mary Stewart, Dennis Suiter, Anthony Tucker, Ashlee Wells, Megan Whalen, Amanda Willingham, Skylar Winter, and Jessica Workman.

Tenth Grade

Kristen Atchley, Jazmine Bennett, Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Ronnie Brown, Chrystal Coleman, Crystal Hahn,

Katie Hale, Daniel Kinney, Mallori Losacco, Antoinette Nelson, Malcolm Rhodes, Stephanie Riley, Philip Roscoe, Megan Scott, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Paulette Stanford, Matthew Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Casey Stevenson, Anastasia Strother, Jamie Suiter, Joann Tieppo, Brytni White, Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, and Ashley Wright.

Eleventh Grade

Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Charmaine Atkins, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Stephanie Clay, Rhannon Crawford, Latoya Flint, Jessica Frost, Toni Gibson, Justin Heins, Danielle Hendricks, Sarah Herbert, Roy Hollis, Constance Kersey, Patrick McCollum, Hanya Ombima, Lajoya Orr, Kristina Rafalski, Tiffney Ramsay, Lindsey Sarin, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Ryan Tackett, Iesha Taylor, Amy Thompson, Rebecca Thornton, Jennifer Welch, and Jeremiah Yeager-Hudson.

Twelfth Grade

Shannon Allen, Christopher Anderson, Kristin Barney, Christopher Bostain, Ryan Boyd, Amanda Brewington, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Kelli Cholette, Sherri Davis, Julia Deshazor, Brenda Finley, Sarah Gray, Rick Hadyniak, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Megan Hatcher, Jamie Henne, Bradley Hindman, Bethany Hotchkiss,

Curtis Jackson, Magan Keely, Crystal Koch, Hilary Kozma, Adam Malloy, Nicole Martin, Tremayne McLilley, Andrew McNeil, Jesse Morris, Robert Nguyen, Nicole Nolan, Michael Patrias, Heather Patrick, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Keona Riley, Andrew Rodger, Clifford Smith, Jamie Stephens, Christopher Swantek, Bethany Swauger, Marcia Todd, Brandon Varga, Patrick Webb, Kelli Weimer, Cassandra Wilson, and Mark Woody.

HONOR ROLL

Students on the Honor Roll achieved a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49.

Ninth Grade

Tondra Bland, James Blanton, Merrika Brown, Landria Buckley, Joshua Carroll, Jasmine Charles, Mari Clay, Carmen Coleman, Lindsay Coughlin, Katrina Cutliff, Katherine Drayton, Katrell Duncan, Mario Edwards, Jason Elwell, Kevin Ferguson, Krystin Foster, La'Britney Franklin, Bradley Garland, Carl Gillespie, Lindsay Green, Samina Haq, Jennifer Hunter, Ron Kreutzer, Erica Linton, Justin Maupin, Tiffani McCloud, Michelle Nelson, Jonathan Rafalski, Anisa Rakic, Cecily Ricer, Brian Rodger, Thomas Rutherford, Arlenea Savage, Kevin Smith, Diana Thompson, Tanise Walker, Jeremiah Warren, Monica Wells, LeRodd Williams, Patricia Williams, Stephanie Williams, Tyreke Williams, Velon Willis, and Joshua Zirkle.

Tenth Grade

Shavon Bell, Donald Brewer, Allison Bruckner, Antoine Burrell, Teela Carroll, Anica Coate, Yvette Douglas, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Paris Hawkins, Shamara Hill-Harris, Benjamin Hohman, Janet Johnson, Lucretia Johnson, Carolyn Moore, Anjelique Moss, Jessica Obayan, Candace Parsons, Michelle Patterson, Dijon Piggee, Lindsay Sharp, Jennifer Shelton, Paul Stanford, Samuel Tilton,

Natalie Watt, William Williams, and Brian Woods.

Eleventh Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Shaunteia Bell, Jamar Bird, Carla Broom, Cassie Caldwell, Kristina Camilleri, Jerry Collie, Elliot Craig, Christal Csupak, Raleah Davis, Jenessa Deshazor, Jessica Deverich, Carissa Drobil, Karrah Duncan, Tia Flemings, Anthony Foster, Lauren Fox, Randall Frye, Sabrina Gomes, Stephanie Gurner, Christian Hadden, Terry Harper, Jeffrey Hoffman, Aaron King, Nicole Liendo, Jeremy Linderman, Sarah Lindroth, Angela Lukas, Cherise Lundy, Patrick Miller, Matthew Mortzfield, Nereida Pena, Rachel Perlaki, Denisa Rakic, Lysie Ransaw, Patricia Robinson, David Rogala, Justin Rooding, Ryan Rooding, Kristina Scott, Bethany Shelton, Jessica Smith, Christopher Speer, Ricky Staten, Patrecia Sucharski, Mark Wheeler, Marvin Wheeler, Cherie Whorton, Reese Williams, Tenisha Williams, and Marissa Wilson.

Twelfth Grade

Jacquelyn Anderson, Natasha Baldwin, Kenneth Belcher, Clint Bergum, Scott Blackburn, Katie Bolus, Joseph Chisholm, Brittney Clark, Meghan Conway, Kimberly Cotton, Carlos Crockett, Amanda Davis, Albert Duncan, Tierra Gibbons, Nedkeyda Glover, Brandi Hamilton, Melissa Holman, Paris Jackson, John Jenkins, Julian Lambert, Natasha Lowe, Rhonda Matthews, Jamie McLaughlin, Jason Messenger, Joseph Miller, Brandon Moring, Darrin Nevels, Joshua Nichols, Erica Ochs, Shrita Parker, Latoya Pillow, Darrien Sibby, Briana Smith, Clayton Smith, Miyon Smith, Laura Tanner, Rye Theriot, Amanda Turner, Brent Tyus, Maurice Webb, Kareena Wells, Jerry White, Eva Clair White, Angela Williams, Scott Williams, Shera Williams, and Sajmir Xhikola. □



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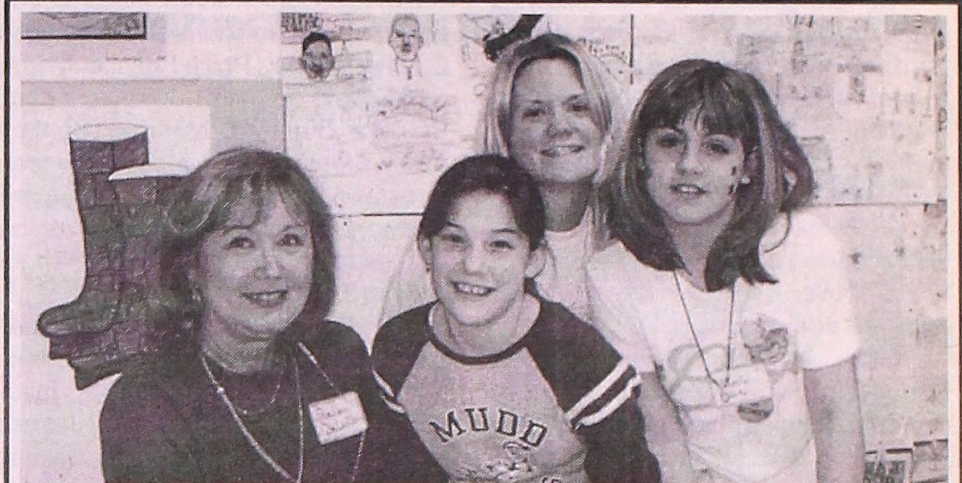


Rick Coate (back, left), head coach of the Romulus High School girls' volleyball team, and Randy Hunter (back, right), assistant/JV coach, had words of praise for their players, despite a rough "rebuilding" season involving the loss of several seniors and a move to the tougher Mega Blue Division. The players include: (from left) front – Christie Davis, Katie Hale, Lindsey Coughlin, and Carla Broom; back – Anica Coate, Megan Hatcher, Amy Thompson, Sabrina Hool, Lauren Block, and Kristina Rafalski.

Halecreek Elementary School Hosts Family Fun Night



(From left) Kilak Stewart enjoyed having her face painted by April Farnwalt and Amy McKerracher, intern teachers from Western Michigan University, as well as by Jessica Mills, a Romulus Middle School eighth-grader, during Halecreek Elementary's recent Family Fun Night program.



Shelley Delano (left), children's librarian at the Romulus Public Library, was on hand to register some of the 200+ Halecreek Family Fun Night attendees – including (from left) Tiffany Rideout, Christina Foster, and Jamie Foster – for library cards.

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 13, 2003, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Acting President Betty Lenossi.

Roll call showed all Board members present. Administrators Joel R. Carr, Edward Clark, and William Routhier were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/03/10 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/03/11 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Administrator Tom Dolan arrived at 7:18 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1/03/12 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to adopt a Resolution in recognition of 24 years of service given to the Romulus Community Schools by Rosemarie Nettle. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

1/03/13 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz to adopt a Resolution in recognition of 35 years of service given to the Romulus Community Schools by Terrel Bird. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Math Presentation

Mr. Doug Hoffman, Assistant Principal, Romulus High School; Ms. Joyce Bujak, Teacher, Romulus High School; Ms. Lynne Behta, Math Strand Leader; Ms. Sharon Silveri, Principal, Halecreek Elementary School; Ms. Cathy Kudra, Kindergarten Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School; and kindergarten students from Halecreek Elementary presented an overview and update of the mathematics curriculum.

Board Meeting of February 24, 2003 – Canceled

1/03/14 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley to cancel the Board meeting of February 24, 2003, due to Mid-Winter Break. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/03/15 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Update

Mr. Kevin Waldeman of Barton Malow presented a construction progress overview to the Board of Education.

1999 Bond Change Orders – Barton Malow

1/03/16 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee to approve change orders as submitted by Barton Malow from the 1999 Bond Program in the amount of \$368,879.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Additional Security Camera – RHS

1/03/17 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to purchase eight (8) additional security cameras for Romulus High School from Sonitrol for \$19,753.15. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Channel 19 Editing System – RHS

1/03/18 Moved by Frayer supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the low bidder, Thalner Electronic Labora-

tories, for a Channel 19 Editing System at Romulus High School for \$20,982.50. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Surplus Vehicles

1/03/19 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the Board of Education declare ten (10) surplus transportation vehicles as listed on the memo dated January 23, 2003, from the Transportation Supervisor. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Surplus Technology

1/03/20 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley that the Board of Education declare surplus equipment as outlined on the memo dated January 14, 2003, from the Director of Technology. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Televising Board Meetings

Mrs. Linda Cook, Director of Technology, reported that the installation for televising Board meetings was nearly complete, and that at the next meeting, on February 10, a trial taping would be taking place.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Sharon Silveri, Principal of Halecreek Elementary School, introduced five intern teachers from Western Michigan University.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Legislative Update; 2) Middle Cities Communication; 3) Thank You from Debbie and John Juriga; 4) Communication – Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood; 5) Thank You – Marci Tomchick; 6) Thank You – Linda Poirier; 7) Thank You – Serena Kessler; 8) Communication – Department of Education – Cory School; 9) RASA Communication; and 10) Romulus Elementary Newsletter.

State Grading

1/03/21 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that we communicate with appropriate lobbyists, state associations, government officials, etc., concerning the Education "YES" grading system and its possible effect on property values. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Questions and/or Communications of Board Members

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley asked about slats in the stage in the auditorium. She also questioned the policy of three pieces of identification for enrollment of students in the school district. Mrs. Celeste Roscoe asked about the track at the Middle School. She also asked that Newsletters be sent sooner. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, stated that a calendar of monthly activities would be faxed to Board members. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz addressed the communication received from Romulus administrators.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/03/22 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Free Tax Preparation

Now through April 9, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons will be available at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. (by appointment only) to assist low-income Romulus seniors (age 60 and older) with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as forms for homestead property tax credits, home-heating credits, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call or stop in at the Center.

Free Alzheimer's Workshops

The Alzheimer's Association will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, March 12, and Wednesday, March 19, to present workshops on memory loss/understanding behaviors (March 12) and community resources/legal & financial matters (March 19). Light refreshments will be served. To preregister for the workshops, please call 800-337-3827.

Shopping

Romulus senior citizens are invited to ride the Center's van on Monday, February 24, at 9:30 a.m., to shop at the Kroger grocery store. Cost of transportation is just \$1.50 per person. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Point Edward Charity Casino** (February 26; \$15);
- **Casino Niagara** (March 1-2; \$95);
- **Toronto (The Lion King and Mamma Mia)** (April 22-23; \$335); and
- **Alaskan Cruise** (August 20-September 1).

Note: Deposits – due at the time of sign-up – reserve your seat. For day trips, full payment is due at least two weeks before departure. For overnight trips, full payment is due a minimum of 30 days before departure.

Open Swimming for Senior Citizens

Open swimming for Romulus senior citizens age 60 and over (proof of age/residence required) will be held at Romulus High School's new swimming complex each Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is just \$2 per session or \$40 for an all-year pass. To participate, all swimmers *must* preregister at the Romulus Adult and Community Education office, located at 39000 Superior. For more information, call 734-532-1956.

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 1 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, February 24, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Corporate Massage

Just a reminder that Laura Singleton is back at the Center, certification in hand, to perform "corporate massages." Next massage date: Thursday, February 27, beginning at 9 a.m. Appointments are required.

Walk for Fun and Exercise

For safe, indoor walking at your own pace, ride the Romulus Senior Center's van to the Wayne County Community College campus on Haggerty Road on the following dates: Monday, February 24; Wednesday, February 26; and Friday, February 28. (All departure times are at 3:15 p.m.) The Romulus Senior Center *strongly* recommends that seniors consult a physician before beginning any new exercise program.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Center serves a hot lunch each weekday for \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. □

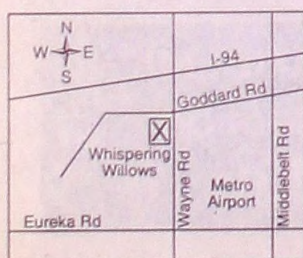
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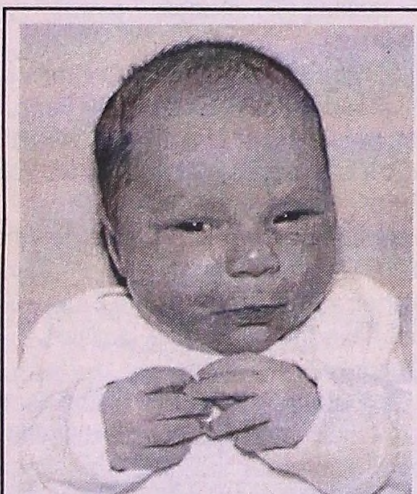
The couple – who became engaged on Sunday, November 17, 2002 – plan to exchange their wedding vows on Saturday, May 31, 2003. □



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Terry and Lisa Litner of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Samantha Lynn Litner.

Samantha was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 6:59 a.m. on Wednesday, December 25, 2002, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and measuring 19 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was her big sister, Danielle Lynn Doyle. Also giving Samantha a warm welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Charles and Pauline Litner (Taylor, MI), and her maternal grandparents, John and Norma Grishaber. □

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concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituaries

Lucretia M. "Betty" Maze

Lucretia M. "Betty" Maze of Tawas City, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2003, at the age of 91.

The former resident of Romulus, Michigan, was born in Wymore, Nebraska, on Wednesday, December 6, 1911.

Betty is survived by 4 children, Wesley Maze (Westland, MI), Roger (Ruth) Maze (Beaverton, MI), Carole (Walter) Goeckel (Gladwin, MI), and Myra Gianini (Tawas, MI); 9 grandchildren, Shelly

Harding, Walter Goeckel, Sheila Hielmann, Richard Goeckel, Dennis Gianini, Jr., Nannette Franklin, William Maze, Dawn Golus, and David Maze; and 11 great-grandchildren. Among those predeceasing her were her husband, William Maze (on November 19, 1999), 3 brothers, and 4 sisters.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). No services are scheduled.

Carolyn Raspberry

Carolyn Raspberry of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2003, at the age of 61.

Carolyn – a native of Detroit, Michigan – was born on Wednesday, December 10, 1941. A resident of Romulus since 1943, she graduated from Romulus High School in 1960, and was a member of the Pleasant Valley African Methodist Episcopal Church (Belleville, MI).

Surviving Carolyn are her father, Jimmie C. Raspberry (Romulus); her brother, Kenneth J. Raspberry (Auburn Hills, MI); 2 sisters, Rosalind Raspberry

(Hammond, IN) and Rose (Howard) Raspberry-Fisher (Ypsilanti, MI); 3 nieces; 8 nephews; 2 great-nieces; and 7 great-nephews. Among those who predeceased her were her mother, Cleo (Rincher) Raspberry, and a sister, Benda Joyce Raspberry.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 18, at Pleasant Valley AME Church, with the Reverend Andre L. Spivey officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Thomas A. Tanner

Thomas A. Tanner of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, February 3, 2003, at the age of 70.

Thomas – born in Wood County, Ohio, on Sunday, July 24, 1932 – graduated from Wayne High School (Wayne, MI) in 1952. The former member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568 (Romulus) served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Over the years, Thomas worked in many fields and was very handy. His hobbies included travel, playing cards, building birdhouses, and putting together jigsaw puzzles. The member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus) will be

fondly remembered as the neighborhood barber, cutting hair for his friends, neighbors, and many children.

Thomas is survived by a daughter, Renee M. (Gary) Sampson (Belleville, MI); 2 sons, Brad T. (Romulus) and Vince M. Tanner (Lemcore, CA); 2 sisters, Patricia Muncie (Wayne) and Joanne Higgins (Houghton Lake, MI); 7 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild. His wife, Eleanor (Champagne) Tanner, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 6, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Stephen's Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. ☐



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